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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Hospice Quality Reporting Program; Use: Section 1814(i)(5) of the Social Security Act (the Act) added by section 3004 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, enacted on March 23, 2010 (Affordable Care Act) authorizes the Secretary to establish a quality reporting for hospices. Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Act requires the Secretary, beginning with FY 2014, reduce the market basket update by 2 percentage points for any hospice that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements with respect to that fiscal year.

The Hospice Quality Data Submission Form was created for hospice providers to collect specified quality data and submit that data to CMS, for the data collection period starting October 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, and continuing on a calendar year thereafter. Webinar training on data collection and data submission has been and will continue to be provided by CMS. Use of the Hospice Quality Data Submission Form is necessary in order for hospices to submit the quality data specified for the Hospice Quality Reporting Program. Form Number: CMS–10390 (OCN: 0938–1153); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Individuals and households; Number of Respondents: 3632 Total Annual Responses: 7264; Total Annual Hours: 657,392 (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Robin Dowell at 410-786-0060. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web Site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on **[OFR—insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register.]**

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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